

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13 and 17-19 were pending. The Examiner's amendment cancelled claims 11 and 12 and amended claims 7, 8, 9 and 17. The instant amendment amends claims 7, 8 and 9, cancels claim 19 and adds new claim 20. Claim 7 has been amended to correct two typographical errors in the Examiner's amendment. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the previously pending claim and to add language deleted in the Examiner's amendment ("and optionally bear an -OR, -SR..."). As the typographical error has been corrected the previously pending claim now makes sense. As discussed with the Examiner in our telephonic interview, claim 9 has been split into two claims. Amended claim 9 is directed to the process with a MRI detectable moiety and claim 20 is directed to the process with a chelator uncomplexed with a metal (the intermediate referred to in claim 9). Claim 19 was cancelled because it was directed to unelected subject matter. No new matter has been added.

Applicants request entry of the instant amendment and that the claims proceed to issue.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response, other than payment of the publication and issue fees. However, if any additional fee is necessary, applicant hereby authorizes such fee to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2168.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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